

FROM THE MANAGER.

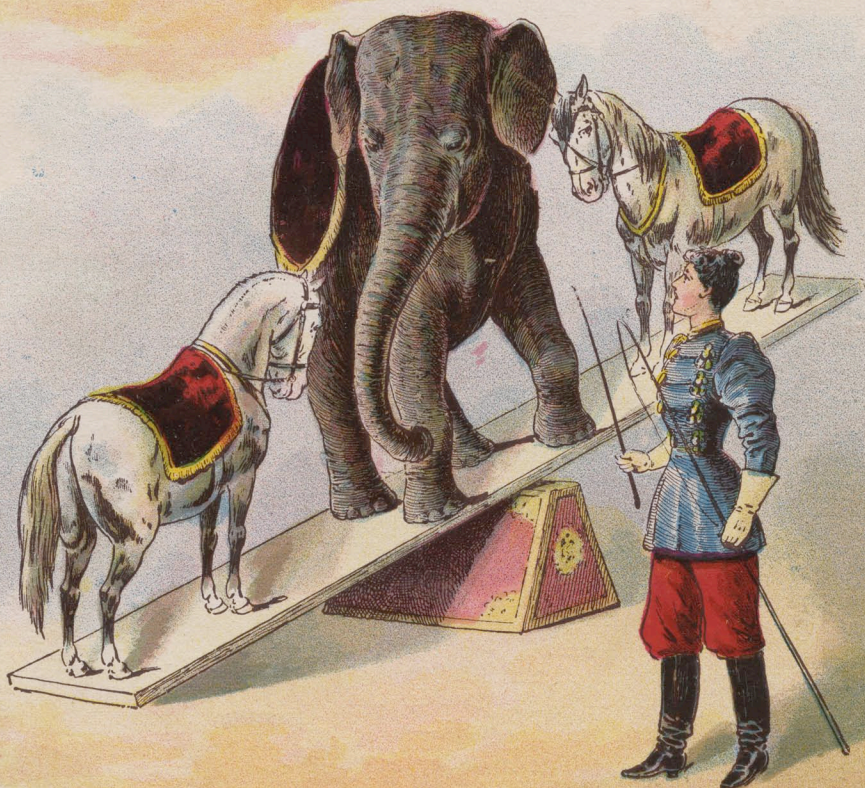
MR. ELEPHANT, through this booklet,
 Aims to let his young friends know
 Of the manifold attractions
 Comprised in his great show.
 He thinks that they will find them
 Novel, pleasing, and select ;
 And he wishes them enjoyment
 As the pages they inspect.



ELEPHANTS FIRST.



IN Mr. Elephant's show, first place
Should go, of course, to his own race,
Did it already not belong
To them as being so big and strong ;
So of the clever things they do,
You'll find depicted here a few.
Among the big chaps there is one
Who has, you see, a taste for fun,
And waggish mischief can enjoy
As keenly as the merriest boy.
Droll jokes he plays upon the
clown,
Which he must take without a
frown,
For it would never do, you know,
To quarrel with so big a foe.

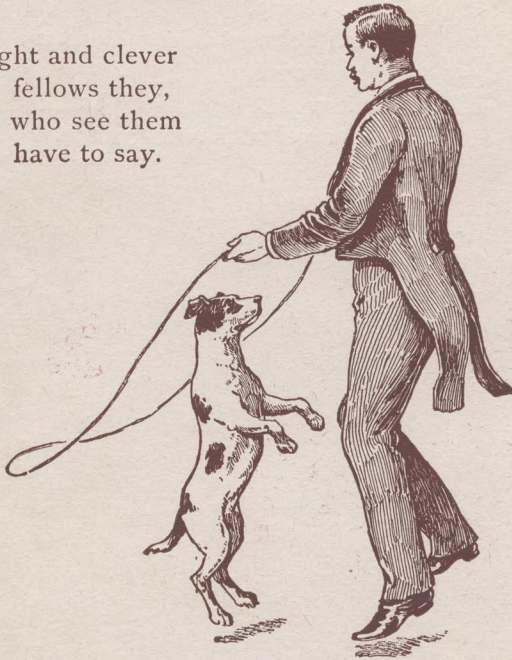


DOG FEATS.

HERE we get a
pleasing
view
Of what the
Doggie tribe
can do ;



Bright and clever
fellows they,
All who see them
have to say.



One with ease
the rope can
skip ;
Two in graceful
dances trip ;
Another with
his feet
controls,
A cylinder
which swiftly
rolls.



Mounted on a
hobby-horse,
Fido trots around
the course,
While on his fore-
paws Nip can
walk—
The wonder is
that none
can talk.



THE CLEVER PIG,

I'M sure that you would not expect
A pig to show much intellect,
Nor would you, if a steed you'd use,
Be likely one as such to choose.



But pictured on this page you see
How very clever one can be ;
Although I must confess, indeed,
He's not a pig of common breed.

He lets the clown bestride his back,
And canters gayly round the track,
Or, when his rider so commands,
As still as carven statue stands.



When, in their final feat, you spy
The pair so boldly perched on high,
You'll say applause they well deserve
For their surprising skill and nerve.





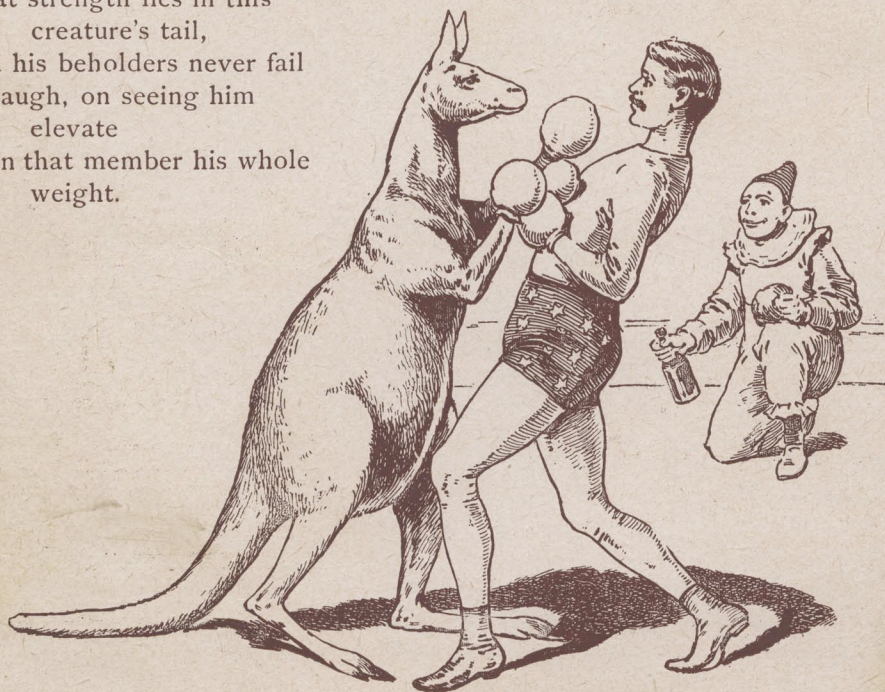
HERE'S a most accomplished Bear,
Who on a tight-rope takes the air,
And by his manner makes it clear
That he of falling has no fear.

A JUGGLER from far-off Japan
Is this performer with the fan ;
His neat illusions so
surprise,
He makes spectators
doubt their eyes.



BELOW see something odd and new,-
A well-trained boxing Kangaroo,
Who with experts his skill dares test,
And seldom comes out second best.

Great strength lies in this
creature's tail,
And his beholders never fail
To laugh, on seeing him
elevate
Upon that member his whole
weight.



THE TAME TIGER.

THIS large and handsome Tiger,
Captured in the Indian jungle,
Has been tamed, and trained so perfectly
He never makes a bungle.



The way he mounts a roll-
ing sphere,
And nimbly keeps his
balance
As swiftly it descends a
slope,
Shows well his brilliant
talents.



THE MONKEY AND THE FIG.

THESE two creatures seem
determined
Each on proving that his race,
In point of wit and gumption,
Can claim the higher place.

When with wonder we have wit-
nessed
The clever things they do,
We find it hard to settle
Which is smarter of the two.



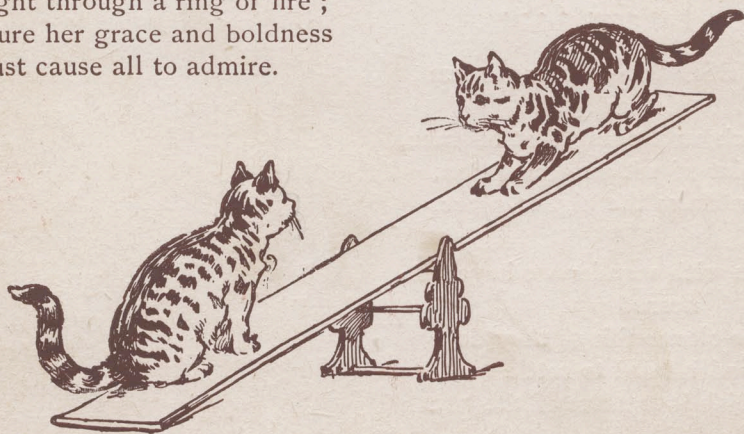


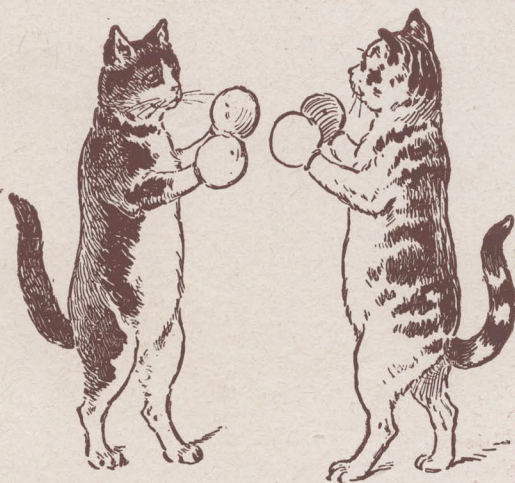
THE STAR TROUPE OF CATS.

THE Pussies' friends are many,
And all must take delight
In seeing how skilled training
Can make them cute and bright.

Though at catching rats and mice
They were always rated smart,
It's something new to see them
Figure in this line of art.

See one who leaps undaunted
Right through a ring of fire ;
I'm sure her grace and boldness
Must cause all to admire.





A pair who play at See-Saw,
Next observation claim ;
No young folks more expertly
Could take part in that nice game.

But, oh, the Pussy boxers !
What clever folks *they* are ;
And what a treat to see them
With such ability spar.

They are up to all the "wrinkles,"
And give and take hard knocks
As coolly as the people
Whose trade it is to box.

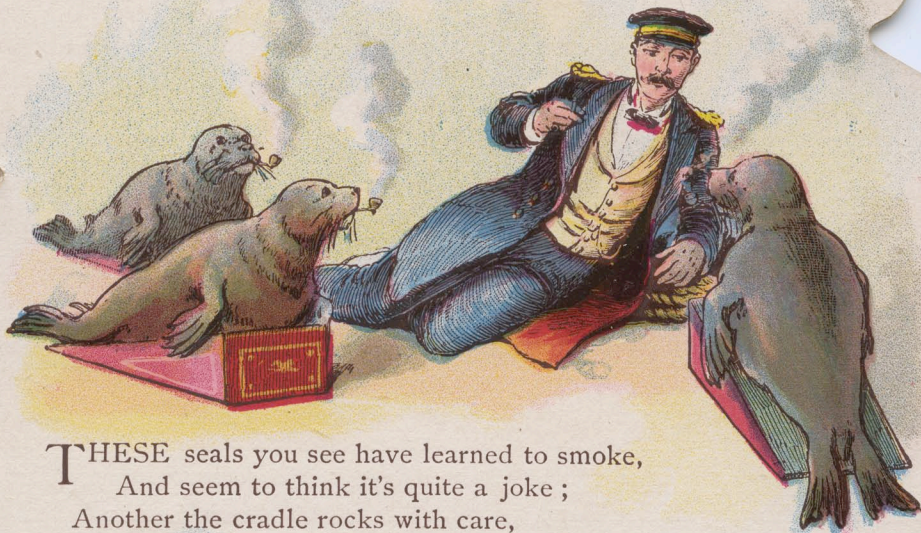
In faci the best professors
Of the science pugilistic,
Have pronounced these Pussies' efforts
To be finished and artistic.

Though ready at short notice
To enter in a match,
I should wrong them much by saying,
They come quickly to the "scratch."

Last comes a Pussy wheelman,
(Wheelcat, to be exact,)
Who closes the performance
With a neat and pleasing act.



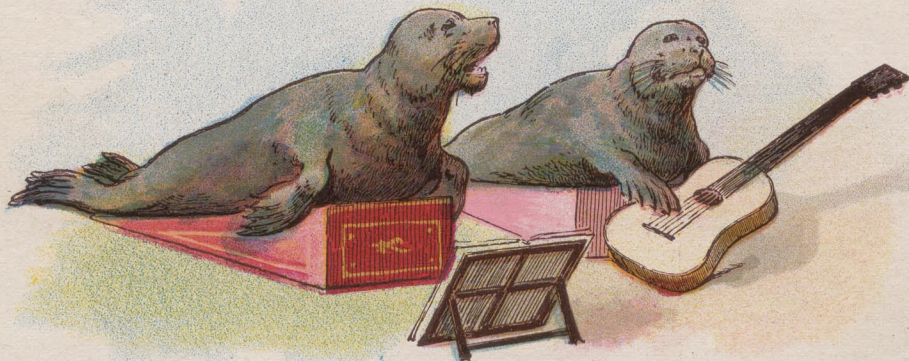
THE TALENTED SEALS.



THESE seals you see have learned to smoke,
And seem to think it's quite a joke ;
Another the cradle rocks with care,
Assuming a most nurse-like air.



But the brightest stars below we see,
Musicians of most high degree :
While one picks sweet notes from the strings,
In Patti's style (?) the other sings.





MORE DOGS.

ANOTHER lot of Doggies smart
 Here we see display their art:
 In many a guise they masquerade
 And every part is nicely played.

Of acrobatic talent, they
 Make also quite a fine display ;
 I'm sure no critic could find fault,
 On seeing Jack turn a somersault.

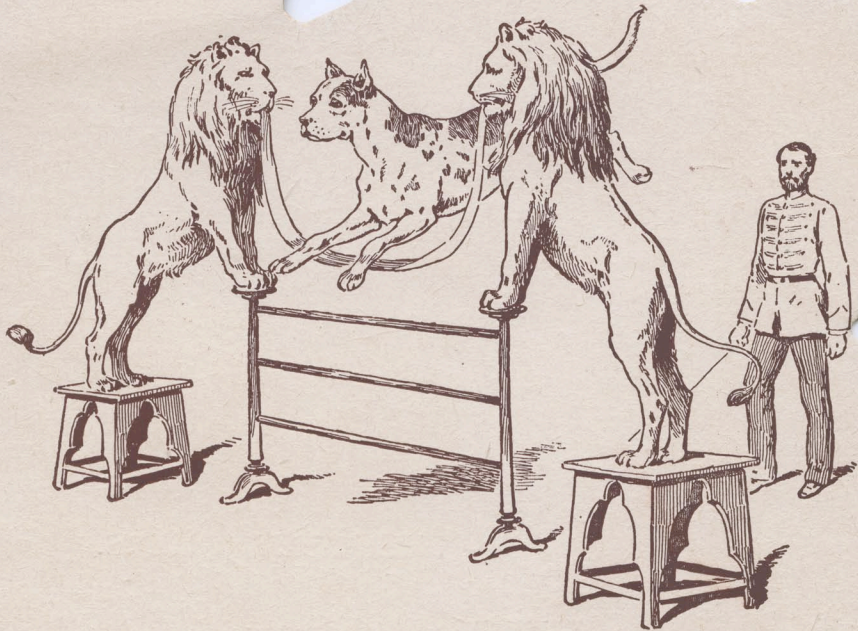


THE KNIFE-THROWER.

LIKE swift-darting birds the blades flash through the air,
And though seemingly thrown without effort or care,
Encircle the form of the maid on the screen,
As she stands there before it so cool and serene.



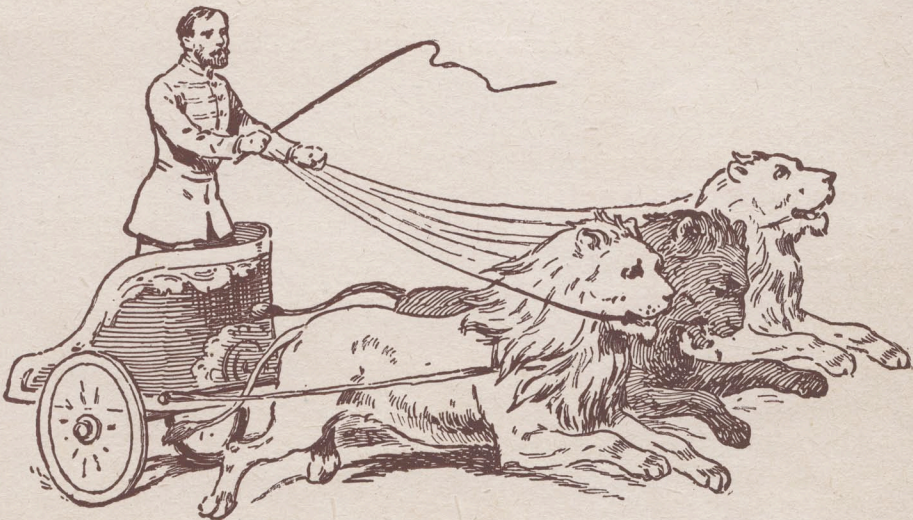
All breathless we gaze at the flight of each blade,
For the slightest misthrow might bring death to the maid,
But so perfect's the training of hand and of eye,
That all to the right spot unerringly fly.



THE MASTERPIECE OF TRAINING.

HERE the Lion, who is ever
Of animals called the King,
Playful tricks we see performing
Within the circus ring.

Submissive as a spaniel,
His keeper he obeys ;
His native fierce demeanor
Exchanged for docile ways.



Of all attempted efforts
Wild beasts to educate,
This certainly with justice
Can claim as first to rate.

Great courage and great patience,
And ready judgment too,
Are qualities by those needed
Who these creatures would subdue.



THE JOLLY JOKERS.

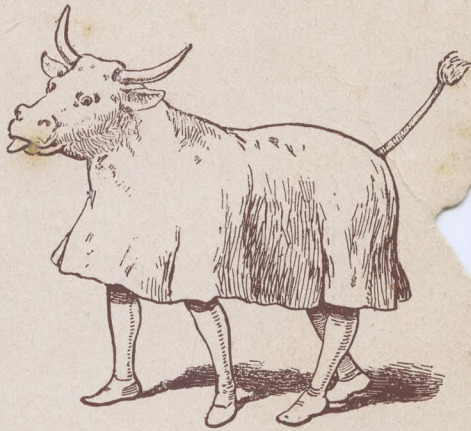
HERE'S a pair of merry fellows,
Dressed up in comic style,
At whose funny tricks and capers
Everybody has to smile.

They look like gawky schoolboys
Who have much outgrown their clothes,
Though it's long since any schoolboy
Has worn such "togs" as those.

The pictures show a specimen
Of the frolics that they play ;
A cook-boy they bamboozle,
And his pastry steal away.

That they're agile, too, is
proven
By the way they skip
the rope :
In that particular science,
Very few with them
can cope.





FUNNY DECEPTIONS.

VERY comical contrivances
Are those which here are shown,
And very mystifying
Until their secret's known.

There's a counterfeit horned creature,
Which is but a head
and hide,
Concealing two perfor-
mers
Who operate inside.

To see this funny
object,
Which looks quite like
a calf,
Dance jigs to lively
music
Makes solemnest
people laugh.

Two performers play the giantess,
In somewhat similar way,
One by the other supported,
Though they look like one, you'd say.



